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FOLLOW UP ON UNANSWERED
REQUEST FILED SEPTEMBER 10, 2006

Dear Sir:

This is to follow up on the unanswered Request and Conditional Petition filed Electronically September 10, 2006, a copy of which is attached. Since this was filed more than 6 months ago, it is believed that this request is not unreasonable.

Respectfully submitted:



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**REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION,
CONDITIONAL PETITION TO REVIVE
AND REQUEST FOR REVIEW
BY THE COMMISSIONER**

Dear Sir:

PROSECUTION HISTORY

In order to present applicants position in this paper and for the Commissioner's review a summary of the status of the prosecution is believed to be essential.

A final rejection was issued in this case on January 25, 2006, which was based in part on a newly cited reference Daikou 6,737,778. Immediately thereafter on January 26, 2006 applicant filed a petition to the Commissioner requesting him to exercise his supervisory authority and direct the Examiner to withdraw the finality of the Office Action, dated January 26, 2006, based on the newly cited reference. In making the rejection final based on this newly cited reference the Examiner took the position that the citation of a new reference was necessitated by applicants amendment that allegedly raised a new issue, but cites no wording added that supports this allegation.

This alleged new issue amended claim 1 to include a feature clearly disclosed and thus did not raise a "new issue". In this regard, the MPEP Section 904.03 states "It is normally not enough that references be selected to meet only the terms of the claims alone, especially if only broad claims are presented; but the search should, insofar as possible, also cover all subject matter which the examiner reasonably anticipates might be incorporated into applicant's amendment."

Further more the position is particularly egregious inasmuch as the amendment made to claim 1 incorporated the subject matter previously claimed in claim 4 which was canceled. The Examiner's attention was clearly stated in the Remarks Section where it was stated "claim 1 has been amended to incorporate the features of original claim 4".

In spite of the immediate filing of this petition one day after the complained about action of the Examiner, no response was made in a timely manner. Thus the undersigned was forced to send a follow up letter nearly three months later, on April 23, 2006 pointing out, among other things that applicant should not have to pay extension fees for the Office's delays.

The shortened time for response passed and still no reply was forthcoming. Then, after the case became technically abandoned on August 1, 2006 applicant's petition was granted with the statement "prosecution on the merits of the instant application is not closed, and any response to the 1/25/06 office action will be considered as a response to a non-final action." (emphasis added)

It is thus fair to take the position that this decision in effect reopened prosecution and set a new period for response due to the Office's delay.

Immediately thereafter on August 6, 2006 a response was filed and in doing so the undersigned volunteered that technically the period for response had passed and thus filed, in addition, a petition requesting that the response be considered timely filed. That petition was denied in a paper date stamped September 2, 2006, but which the Pare records show as being actually mailed September 5, 2006. Which date seems to be correct as the 2nd was a Saturday before Labor Day and the 5th is the first work day after the three day week end.

Thus it is believed that fairness dictates that the decision dated August 1, 2006 be considered a reopening of prosecution and that the response of August 6 2006, was in fact timely.

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